growth of more than 8 per cent in agriculture and allied sectors and more than 7 per cent in the overall GDP in 2003-04. This implies that the share of agriculture and allied sectors in the overall economic growth is likely to exceed its share of around 22 per cent in overall GDP.

(c) Government of India have been implementing a number of schemes/programmes for improving irrigation facilities and rural infrastructure. These include Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme for expeditious completion of ongoing major & medium irrigation projects. Drought Prone Area Programme, Desert Development Programme, National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, Integrated Wasteland Development Programme, Rural Infrastructure Development Fund established in NABARD to provide financial assistance to State Governments to augment investments in irrigation, rural roads and bridges, market yards/godowns, inland waterways etc. All these schemes/ programmes are being continued during the Tenth Plan. Besides, with a view to pass on the benefit of declining interest rates to agriculture sector, public sector banks have reduced their lending rates for agriculture to a maximum of 9 per cent per annum on crop loans up to .a ceiling of Rs. 50,000. These schemes/programmes are expected to go a long way in improving agricultural production and productivity during the Tenth Plan.

Assistance to agricultural projects of States

356. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the States, West Bengal in particular, during the last two years for the development and upgradation of agricultural projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): Details of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes is at Statement-I *(See* below).

Information regarding financial assistance to the State of West Bengal is at Statement-I I.

Statement-I

Details of funds Released & Expenditure States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last Two Years

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No	Name of the State	2001-2002		2002-2003	
		Releases	Exp.	Releases	Exp.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4235.45	4901.16	3131.88	4481.68
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1216.81	1398.70	1647.84	1436.13
3.	Assam	1798.80	1853.57	1990.34	2108.61
4.	Bihar	18.44	970.8	3607.00	1577.86
5.	Chhattisgarh	1175.49	675.00	1351.63	1217.44
6.	Goa	222.15	215.38	178.50	149.40
7.	Gujarat	3108.33	1079.16	2576.39	2907.89
8.	Haryana	1988.36	2142.13	1861.52	2093.90
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1896.97	1865.82	1718.34	1614.98
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	916.43	1154.49	2007.60	1804.30
11.	Jharkhand	7039.95	7140.20	6264.22	7278.13
12.	Karnataka	2698.61	2658.96	3118.42	3126.63
13.	Kerala	6813.06	4612.06	5324.64	7469.80
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1610.05	1483.00	1310.31	1628.32
15.	Maharashtra	10598.78	10884.66	8793.24	11664.61
16.	Manipur	938.27	1241.08	1272.62	1205.55
17.	Meghalaya	1766.82	1928.22	2358.49	2433.24
18.	Mizoram	969.27	1431-.49	1609.01	1544.82
19.	Nagaland	1717.66	1588.19	1785.00	1660.89
20.	Orissa	2073.05	2397.03	2456.68	3199.13
21.	Punjab	1063.00	403.86	882.50	460.88
22.	Rajasthan	6763.15	8240.4	7948.31	7739.45
23.	Sikkim	'1292.44	1495.89	1274.42	1313.81
24.	Tamil Nadu	5416.38	6068.56	4093.14	4786.88
25.	Tripura	1609.10	1438.10	1887.15	1615.47
26.	Uttar Pradesh	7938.75	7422.45	9606.44	9823.59
27.	Uttaranchal	1515.35	1424.42	1348.91	. 1387.4Q
28.	West Bengal	2913.80	2082.00	2184.99	2545.37
	TOTAL :	83140.28	80196.78	83589.532	90276.16

Statement-II

Details of Funds Released & Expenditure incurred under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the 2001-2002 *and* 2002-03

(Rs. in Lakhs) Name of the State

: West Bengal (i) 2001-2002

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Unspent Balance as on 1.4.2001	Allocation during the year 2001-02	Total released during the year 2001-02	Total Expenditure during the year 2001-02	Unspent Balance as on 1.04.2002
1.	Macro Management Scheme	53.69	2500.00	2500.00-	1908.03	645.66
2.	Technology Mission on Cotton	28.05	47.25	15.00	28.05	8.00
3.	Oilseed Production Programme (OPP)	18.25	190.00	190.00	0.00	0.00
4.	National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	16.00	20.00	30,00	0.00	0.00
5.	Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)	34.74	10.65	10.35	0.00	10.20
7.	Establishment of Agency for Reporting Statistics (EARAS)	0.00	120.00	120.00	132.50	0.00
8.	Timely Reporting Scheme (TRS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.	Improvement of Crop Statistics (ICS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.	Crop estimate Survey on Fruits & Vegetable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11.	Agriculture Census	0.00	50.90	48.45	13.42	0.00
	TOTAL:	150.73	2938.80	2913.80	2082.00	663.86

(ii) 2002-2003

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Unspent Balance as on 1.4.2002	Allocation during the year 2002-03	Total released during the year2002-	Total Expenditure during the year 2002-03	Unspent Balance as on 1.04.2003
1.	Macro Management Scheme	645.66	2400.00	1427.00	1845.19	227.47
2.	Technology Mission on Cotton	8.00	On-Farm Water Management 15.00	11.86	19.86	0.00
3.		0.00	1026.80	504.83	504.83	0.00
4.	Oilseed Production Programme (OPP)	0.00	160.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
5.	National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	0.00	18.00	4.50	4.50	0.00
6.	Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)	10.20	18.33	1.30	0.00	11.50
8.	Establishment of Agency for Reporting Statistics (EARAS)	0.00	114.50	114.50	60.00	54.50
9.	Timely Reporting Scheme (TRS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.	Improvement of Crop Statistics (ICS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11.	Crop Estimate Survey on Fruits & Vegetable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Agriculture Census	0.00	26.00	26.00	15.99	10.01
	TOTAL :	663.86	3778.63	2184.99	2545.37	303.48